

NSC BRIEFING

12 March 1958

SUDANESE ELECTIONS

- I. Results assure that the present coalition of Umma party under pro-Western Premier Khalil with elements of People's Democratic Party (PDP) and Southern Liberal Party (SLP) will remain in control of the Sudanese parliament.** 25X1
- A. Latest firm figures on 173 seats contested give Umma 61, the pro-Egyptian National Unity Party (NUP) 44, PDP 25, SLP 18, and 25 "independents."**
- B. Final results and a choosing of sides when new government is installed on 20 March will probably raise the Umma's total to 68-70, plus a sufficient number from PDP and SLP to make a sizeable majority.**
- C. NUP total of 44 is considerably below their expectations. (Impossible to compare strengths in previous parliament because parliament had only 97 seats.)**
- II. Umma (pro-Western) victory appears more complete than figures indicate.**
- A. All Umma party cabinet ministers from previous government were reelected.**
- B. Several pro-Egyptian ministers, and the pro-Soviet minister of interior Ali Abd al-Rahman, were defeated.**
- C. Umma and pro-Umma elements reported optimistic over future.**
- 1. Confidence inspired by victory should mean more positive action by government in opposing Egyptian and Soviet influences and less hesitation in cooperating with US.**

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